

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of

Ali Afzali-Ardakani, et al.

Serial No.: 10/642,615

Group Art Unit: 1743

Filed: August 19, 2003

Examiner: Yelena G. Gakh

For: MOLECULAR MANIPULATOR, A METHOD OF MAKING THE SAME,  
AND A METHOD OF MOVING A NANOSTRUCTURE

**PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**  
**UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a)**

Sir:

Appellants hereby petition for a one-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action mailed January 18, 2007. A Notice of Appeal is being filed simultaneously herewith.

Appellants point out that an Amendment in response to the Final Office Action dated January 18, 2007 was filed on March 19, 2007, which is within two months of the mailing date of the Office Action. Accordingly, the time period for responding to the Office Action expired on the later of the mailing date of the Advisory Action or the date set forth in the final rejection. Therefore, the time period for responding to the Office Action expired on May 4, 2007 (i.e., the mailing date of the Advisory Action). Accordingly, only a one-month extension of time is necessary.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge the extension of time fee and any deficiencies in fees and credit any overpayment of fees to Assignee's Deposit Account No.50-0510.

Respectfully submitted,



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